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1. MRS. CARTER DID NOT, AS YOU SUSPECTED, GIVE TITO THE BIRD
(PARA 3 STATE 095834). WE DID NOT BELIEVE IT NECESSARY TO
OPEN THE TWO PACKAGES, SINCE NEITHER WAS MORE THAN TWO INCHES
THICK, ONE APPARENTLY HOLDING A BOOK OR ALBUM AND THE OTHER
A FRAMED PICTURE.

2. OUR 3435 DEALS WITH A DZURANOVIC MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY
DURING THE SSOD. WE KNOW WHAT THIS INVOLVES, BUT, GIVEN
HIS POSITION AND YUGOSLAVIA'S SPECIAL INTEREST IN THE SESSION,
WE TRUST THAT IT WILL WORK. BELOVSKI, WITH WHOM WE DISCUSSED
THIS, SUGGESTED THAT VRHOVEC, WHO WILL BE IN THE SADDLE BY
THEN, MAY COME TO WASHINGTON. IF HE HAS BY THEN SEEN THE
SECRETARY IN NEW YORK, THERE MAY BE NO NEED TO DO ANYTHING
FOR HIM IN WASHINGTON, BUT YOU ARE THE BEST JUDGES.

3. BELOVSKI ALSO RAN OFF HIS LIST OF AMERICAN VISITORS
TO YUGOSLAVIA, AS HE HAD EARLIER WITH GEORGE VEST. WE TRUST
THAT YOU FELLOWS WILL DO SOME TRAFFIC CONTROL, LEST WE FIND
OURSELVES SUBSTITUTING HIGH-LEVEL VISITS FOR REALITY,
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AND THUS ENCOURAGING UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS HERE.

4. FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH, BERBEROVIC WAS VERY CORDIAL TO TERRY
CATHERMAN AT THE AIRPORT ON HIS RETURN--IN FACT, LARGELY
IMGNORING THE CUBAN AMBASSADOR WHILE
DISCUSSING THE WASHINGVTON VISIT WITH TERRY.

5. OUR FIRST REACTION TO ICA'S 04118 (NOT REPEATED TO THE DEPT)
ON PARTY-TO-PARTY EXCHANGES IS PRETTY NEGATIVE. WHETHER
THE PEOPLE IN CU (NOW ICA) ARE UPSET OVER THE
BERBEROVIC VISIT OR NOT, WE DO NOT THINK WE NEED TO DECIDE
NOW ON THE LEVEL OF THE VISITORS, UNLESS THE ACYPL HAS ALREADY
COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT IT, OR THE POLITICAL PARTY
LEADERS, CANNOT HANDLE SENIOR TYPES. PROTOCOL PROBLEMS
NEED NOT BE A PROBLEM IF THE YUGOSLAVS UNDERSTAND
THAT THIS WOULD NOT BE AN OFFICIAL VISIT SPONSORED BY
THE USG. WE WILL HAVE MORE TO SAY IN OPEN CHANNEL.

6. THEDDESK MAY BE CALLED UPON RIGHT AROUND NOW TO HELP
ON A SLIGHTLY UNOFFICIAL MATTER. OUR SCHOOL HEPE IS
RUNNING A FUND-RAISER AND, IN CONNECTION, WE HAVE ORDERED
SOME THINGS FOR SALE. THE PACKAGE EVIDENTLY WAS REJECTED
BY THE DEPARTMENT'S POUCH ROOM, AND ROSALIE GERBER
(BURT'S WIFE) IS GOING TO TRY TO GET IT POUCHED. IF SAM
FROMOWITZ CAN PHONE (333-5617) TO SEE IF SHE NEEDS HELP,
23--AND THE SCHOOL KIDDIES WILL BE FOREVER GRATEFUL.

7. WE ARE, AS THE SAYING GOES, WAITING BREATHLESSLY FOR
DARRYL AND CARL.
EAGLEBURGER

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